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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to the Appeal Brief filed on 05/18/2009. The finality of the previous office action is withdrawn.

- 2. The prior office actions are incorporated herein by reference. In particular, the observations with respect to claim language, and response to previously presented arguments.
- 3. Claims 1-11, 19-24 and 29 are allowed.

### **RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS**

- 4. The applicant's arguments regarding 35 USC 103(a) type rejections are fully considered. The previous 35 USC 103 (a) type rejections are withdrawn based on the applicant's arguments and the amendments made to the claims through the examiner's amendments presented in this office action.
- 5. The applicant's arguments regarding 35 USC 101 type rejections are fully considered, and found persuasive. The previous 35 USC 101 type rejections of claims 22-24 are withdrawn.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/ or additions be unacceptable to the applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in the telephone interview with the applicant's representative Mr. David Millers on August 27, 2009.

## Claims 1, 8, 19, 22 and 29 have been amended as follows:

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Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling a second party to prove to a third party the existence of an association between the second party and a first party, the first party being associated with a first element of a first algebraic group, the second party being associated with a second element, element of a second algebraic group, the second element being formed from an identifier string of the second party using a hash function, and there being a computable bilinear map for the first and second elements; wherein elements, wherein the method comprises:

a second-party computer entity, acting on behalf of the second party, <u>performing the steps of</u>:

receives <u>receiving</u> a shared secret provided by the first party as the product of a first secret
and the second element:

computes computing first, second and third verification parameters, wherein the first verification parameter is a product of a second secret and said shared secret, the second verification parameter is a product of the second secret and the second element and the third verification parameter is a product of the second secret and the first element; and

outputs outputting the first, second and third verification parameters for use by the third party in proving the association between the first and second parties, wherein the first, second, and third verification parameters enable the third party to verify the association between the first and second parties by performing checks that use the first, second, and third verification parameters and public information.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A method of verifying an association between a first party associated with a first element, element of a first algebraic group, and a second party associated with

a second element, element of a second algebraic group, the first and second elements being such that there exists a bilinear mapping p for these elements, the method comprising:

a third-party computer entity carrying out the following operations:

receiving both data indicative of said first element, and a first product formed by the first party from a first secret and the first element;

receiving in respect of the second party an identifier string and first, second and third verification parameters;

computing the second element from the identifier string of the second party; carrying out a first check to determine that the following equality is satisfied:

p(third verification parameter, computed second element) = p(first element, second verification parameter)

carrying out a second check to determine that the following equality is satisfied:

p(first element, first verification parameter)= p(first product, second verification parameter)

verifying the existence of the association between the first and second parties only where checks are passed.

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) Apparatus arranged to enable a third party to verify an association between the apparatus and a first party that has a first secret and is associated with a first element of a first algebraic group, the apparatus being associated with a second element, of a second algebraic group, and the first and second elements being such that there exists a bilinear mapping p for these elements; elements, the apparatus comprising:

a memory for holding a second secret and an identifier string associated with the apparatus, means for forming said second element from said identifier string using a hash function, means for receiving from the first party a shared secret based on said first secret and said first element, and for storing this shared secret in the memory,

means for computing first, second and third verification parameters, wherein the first verification parameter is a product of the second secret with said shared secret, the second verification parameter is a product of the second secret and said second element and the third verification parameter is a product of the second secret and said first element, and

means for making available said identifier string and said verification parameters to the third party, wherein the first, second, and third verification parameters enable the third party to verify the association between the first party and the apparatus by performing checks that use the first, second, and third verification parameters and public information.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for allowing a third party to verify verifying an association between a first party associated with a first element, element of a first algebraic group, and a second party associated with a second element, element of a second algebraic group; group, the first and second elements being such that there exists a bilinear mapping p for these elements; elements, the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving both data indicative of the first element, and a first product formed by the first party from a first secret and the first element;

means for receiving in respect of the second party both an identifier string, and first, second and third verification parameters;

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a memory for holding information received through the means for receiving;

means for computing the second element from the identifier string of the second party using a hash function;

means for carrying out a first check to determine that the following equality is satisfied:

p(third verification parameter, computed second element) = p(first element, second verification parameter);

means for carrying out a second check to determine that the following equality is satisfied:

p(first element, first verification parameter) = p(first product, second verification parameter);

means responsive to both checks being passed, to confirm that there exists an association between the first and second parties.

Claim 29. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling a second party to prove to a third party the existence of an association between the second party and a first party, the first party being associated with a first element of a first algebraic group, the second party being associated with a second element, of a second algebraic group, formed from an identifier string of the second party using a hash function, and there being a computable bilinear map for the first and second elements, wherein the method comprises: ; wherein

a second-party computer entity, acting on behalf of the second party, performing the steps of:

- (1) receives receiving a shared secret provided by the first party as the product of a first secret and the second element;
  - (2) computes computing:

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(i) a first verification parameter as the product of a second secret with said shared secret,

- (ii) a second verification parameter as the product of the second secret with the second element, and
- (iii) a third verification parameter as the product of the second secret with the first element; and
- (3) outputs outputting the first, second and third verification parameters for use by the third party in proving the association between the first and second parties, wherein the first, second, and third verification parameters enable the third party to verify the association between the first and second parties by performing checks that use the first, second, and third verification parameters and public information.

### EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowances:

Independent claims 1, 19 and 29 are patentable over the cited prior arts because they do not anticipate nor fairly and reasonably teach independently or in combination, a method/apparatus comprising besides other limitations: the second element being formed from an identifier string of the second party using a hash function, and there being a computable bilinear map for the first and second elements, wherein a second-party computer entity, acting on behalf of the second party, computing first, second and third verification parameters, wherein the first verification parameter is a product of a second secret and said shared secret, the second verification parameter is a product of the

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second secret and the first element; and outputting the first, second and third verification parameters for use by the third party wherein the first, second, and third verification parameters enable the third party to verify the association between the first and second parties by performing checks that use the first, second, and third verification parameters and public information.

In particular, patentability exists, at least in part, with the recitation of a second-party computer entity, acting on behalf of the second party, computing first, second and third verification parameters using shared secret, second secret and elements of algebraic groups, and outputting the first, second and third verification parameters for use by the third party wherein the first, second, and third verification parameters enable the third party to verify the association between the first and second parties by performing checks that use the verification parameters.

Independent claims 8 and 22 are patentable over the cited prior arts because they do not anticipate nor fairly and reasonably teach independently or in combination, a method/apparatus comprising besides other limitations: allowing a third party to verify an association between a first party associated with a first element of a first algebraic group, and a second party associated with a second element of a second algebraic group; and a third-party computer entity receiving both data indicative of said first element, and a first product formed by the first party from a first secret and the first element, and receiving in respect of the second party an identifier string and first, second and third verification parameters; and carrying out a first check to determine that the following equality is satisfied: p(third verification parameter, computed second element) = p(first element, second verification parameter), and carrying out a second check to determine that the following equality is satisfied: p(first element, first verification parameter)= p(first product, second verification

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parameter); and verifying the existence of the association between the first and second parties only where checks are passed.

Dependent claims 2-7, 9-11, 20-21 and 23-24 are allowed because of their dependencies on the allowable independent claims.

## **CONCLUSION**

- 8. Claims 1-11, 19-24 and 29 are patentable.
- 9. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
- 10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shanto M Z Abedin whose telephone number is 571-272-3551. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 10:00 AM to 6:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Moazzami Nasser, can be reached on 571-272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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